

Sobbing Hurlburt says he's 'ashamed'

Sentencing July 27. Ex-MLA's fraud totalled \$25,000

A former Nova Scotia cabinet minister sobbed openly in court on Thursday as he expressed his regret and took full responsibility for his role in a scandal that saw him defraud the province of just over \$25,000.

"I am particularly con-cerned for my grandchildren," Richard Hurlburt told a sentencing hearing as he slumped while standing next to his lawyer, Stan MacDonald.

He said he was proud of the way his grandchildren handled taunting at school about his role in the province's spending scandal before apologizing to his family, constituents and former political colleagues.

Î am ashamed and feel I have paid a price for the past two and a half years," said Hurlburt, 62, who pleaded guilty in April to charges of fraud and breach of trust.

Justice David MacAdam of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia reserved a decision on Hurlburt's sentence until July 27.

An agreed statement of facts says Hurlburt committed fraud



totalling \$25,320.77 between December 2006 and December 2008. The statement presented in court says he submitted four claims for expenses that were not incurred in his constituency work.

Court also heard Hurlburt reimbursed the Speaker's Office \$11,073 in February 2010 and \$14,247 last month.

The false claims submitted by Hurlburt include one for a \$9,000 Honda generator that was not purchased. He was also reimbursed more than \$3,500 for the purchase and installation of a 40-inch LCD television at his home.

In his sentencing argument, Crown attorney Andrew Macdonald said Hurlburt committed a significant breach of the

public's trust and deserves a sentence in line with what was given to Dave Wilson, a former Liberal member of the legislature who was sentenced to nine months in jail.

He recommended a sentence of between nine and 12 months in jail, followed by a period of probation for Hurl-

Defence lawyer Stan Mac-Donald said Hurlburt deserves credit because he had shown remorse, apologized and paid the money back.

He called for a nine-month conditional sentence consisting of six months of house arrest and three months of curfew, as well as 200 hours of community service.

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Airport disruptions possible during runway expansion

Halifax Stanfield.

Additional 1,330 feet will boost province's overseas-shipping capacity

SPENCER BUFII

As long as the weather cooperates, a runway expansion at Halifax Stanfield International Airport should have little impact on air traffic, of-

ficials say. Construction has been underway for months on the \$28-million plan to expand the runway by 1,330 feet. But between July 30 and Nov. 15, a downed navigation system could disrupt air traffic, Dean Bouchard, director of infrastructure for the airport, said on Thursday.
Planners chose this time

period because of the low incidence of adverse weather.

"We're hopeful that we'll go through this period with-out any issues," said Peter Spurway, vice-president of corporate communications. "But, of course, the weather is unpredictable, and if we get into

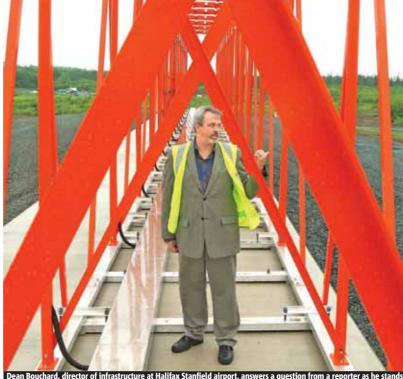
Maritime exports, most notably seafood has to be trucked to bigger airports in Montreal. Toronto or Boston before heading overseas because the runway at Halifax Stanfield is too short for large cargo planes.

poor visibility, people who are travelling should just be aware that there may be some delays or cancellations."

Without the navigation systems — single rows of 16 15-foot-high bright orange radio towers at either end of one runway — Spurway said pilots can't land safely through dense fog, and would have to wait for weather to clear or land elsewhere.

But he added that the expanded runway means heavy cargo planes will have enough space to take off, which could help boost the local economy with increased international

shipping.
"We see this as a relatively short period of possible disruption weighed against what we think is a tremendous long-term benefit," Spurway said.



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On Wednesday, Sonya Thomas, 45, downed 45 hotdogs at the Fourth of July hotdog-eating contest at Coney Island. In honour of her achievement we've compiled a slide show of the world's greatest competitive eaters. Go to metronews.ca to see more.

Mobile news



Halifax woman charged in murder of Truro man



Halifax woman charged with second-degree murder in the death of Ben Hare made a brief appearance in provincial court on Thursday.

Barbara Elizabeth Marshall, 24, who is a former Truro resident, was arraigned the day after her boyfriend, Dustan Preeper, 24, was arraigned on the same charge.

Legal-aid lawyer David Mahoney appeared on behalf of Marshall during her appearance and requested an adjournment for a week.
"She needs time to apply

for a certificate (to obtain another lawyer)," said Mahoney, who represented Marshall only for the court appearance.

Marshall was arrested without incident on Wednesarrested day morning outside the back of the courthouse on Prince Street. She was held in custody overnight.

When Marshall appeared in court, around noon, an older woman mimed, "I love you" when she sat down.

Marshall did not address the court. Nor did she reply when the woman said, "I love



on July 8, 2010.

Preeper was originally charged with second-degree murder, but the charge was dropped in September of that

you, baby."

resident,

building at

Hare, 26-year-

Truro

brawl

Preeper, also from Hali-fax, was arraigned on the second-degree murder charge on Wednesday afternoon. He was also charged with firstdegree murder along with his brother, Joshua Preeper, 20, in the death of Melissa Peacock, a 20-year-old from Dartmouth who was reported missing on Nov. 9, 2011. She was last seen two days before that.

The two are charged with Peacock's murder on Nov. 8 in Upper Rawdon.

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Express route. Corridor would make transit a 'competitive alternative'

A plan is in the works to give buses an express route through heavy traffic along Bayers Road.

A consultant was hired by HRM last year to come up with a plan to express buses from Highway 102 to downtown.

Dave McCusker, HRM's manager of strategic transportation planning, told the transportation committee Thursday the consultant will present the plan and traffic simulations at a public-information session in October.

While other cities have installed a continuous bus lane for an entire route, it wouldn't work here due to space con-

Rather, the plan is to use advance bus signals and jumping bus lanes to give buses head

"It's small things all throughout the corridor that I think will provide a big effect for transit," McCusker told the committee.

These methods are already in use in a few other areas of the HRM.

Coun. Jennifer Watts asked about this plan's impact to the traffic congestion along Bayers Road and the proposed wid-

"These (methods) only save a few seconds here and there, but over an entire route those seconds add up and it can be fairly effective in reducing travel time for buses.'

Dave McCusker, HRM's manager of strategic transportation planning

ening of the road.

McCusker replied that, even with better transit service, there is still a requirement for added car lanes along Bayers Road, but a bus lane would also be installed.

McCusker told reporters after the meeting that there's no specific price tag attached to the transit-corridor plan, but it could cost around \$3 million.

"But that's just a rough guess because it could be a tenth of that or five times that much depending on how aggressive we decide to make a recommendation," McCusker said. iennifer taplin/metro

Cabs. Taxi fares could be on the rise in HRM

Changes could be coming soon to the taxi industry in HRM. A staff report is being writ-

ten to address several issues involving taxis, the biggest being a proposed increase in taxi fares.

It was on the agenda at Thursday's transportation committee meeting for dis-cussion, but it was deferred to next month's meeting when the staff report will be finished.

In a letter to the committee chair Coun, Reg Rankin, Brian Herman with Casino Taxi Ltd., said the last increase they received was in 2005 and they applied for another increase last year. He wrote that it is only now being brought forward to the committee level.

"The taxi industry in particular is highly sensitive to the rising costs associated with fuel, automotive repair and insurance," Herman wrote. "The taxi raises have not kept up with inflation for a number of years and it is our belief that this places a significant financial burden on the taxi driver.

Rankin said he hopes to move the issue through committee and on to council quickly, especially given the October municipal election. "On the face of it, I would

allow, it seems to be a compelling case based on what we ourselves experience in operating a car," Rankin said.

JENNIFER TAPLIN/METRO



SmartTrip E-Pass

Pilot project to begin in January

It might be smart, but it's

slow. HRM's transportation committee received an update on the SmartTrip E-Pass during its meeting Thursday.

The E-Pass allows employers, like Dalhousie University, to deduct the cost of the annual bus pass from employees' pay, and they receive a 12-month pass for the cost of nine months. The pilot project was endorsed by council a year ago, but it was put off due to budget discussions and put off again until Jan. 2013 so it can start at the beginning of a calendar year. JENNIFER TAPLIN/METRO

Correction

Victim and accused not known to cops

In the July 5 story, "Man arrested in early-morning stabbing," it was incorrectly reported that the victim and man accused of the stabbing were known to police. Metro apologizes for the error **METRO**

Road safety

Police on lookout for texting drivers

Halifax police are again trying to crack down on

cellphone use by drivers. Police say the traffic unit is focusing this month on people who illegally drive while talking or tex-

ting on their cellphones. "Unfortunately, there is group of people who won't heed to advice and won't learn until they get a ticket," said Const. Brian Palmeter, spokesman for Halifax Regional Police. KATE HOWELL/METRO

Four men arrested

Traffic stop yields a lot of pot: Police

Four men are facing drug charges after a traffic stop in Dartmouth Wednesday

Halifax police say they stopped a suspi-cious vehicle at 9:55 p.m. and discovered large amounts of marijuana. The driver, the subject of a Canada-wide warrant, was arrested, said Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter. KATE HOWELL/METRO



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Jazz Fest grooving its way into Halifax

Special night. Popular event kicks off Friday

SPENCER BUELL

After months of planning and building up hype for the Halifax Jazz Festival, the first of many blues, brass, hip hop, bop and soul acts will step on stage starting Friday.

Artistic director Laura "Lulu" Healy said among the biggest draws to this instalment of the annual music and culture celebration that runs through July 14 will be the first-ever free nighttime outdoor concerts on Monday and Tuesday at the Festival Tent on Lower Water Street.

"If people haven't checked out the festival before, then that's the time to do it," she said.

Free daytime events are also scheduled throughout the nine-day event.

Kicking off the music on Friday will be New Orleansbased Soul Rebels and Montreal's L'Orkestre des Pas

Visit halifaxiazzfestival.ca for a complete schedule of events.

Perdus, the first of which will start the set with a Lou-isiana-style "second line," or conga-like jazz march through the audience.

"It's going to be a pretty special night," Healy said of the opening performances.

Overall, the festival lineup is a diverse mix of musical styles, and organizers say they want to expose people to a wide range of performers, while also attracting audiences keen on both traditional and contemporary jazz-inspired acts.

There are certainly lots to see at the event's 12 of-ficial and six affiliated venues across the city, and Healy says she's "excited for every single show."



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Celebrating the culture through dance

Lebanese Festival dancers hit the stage at the Olympic Community Centre on Thursday night. The 12th annual Lebanese Festival runs until Sunday. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Struck a deer

Man dies after motorcycle accident

An 47-year-old Ontario man is dead after the motorcycle he was riding struck a deer on the Cabot Trail, causing him to fly off the vehicle and strike a guardrail on the side of the road.

RCMP in Ingonish Beach say they were called to the accident at 9:45 a.m. on Thursday, with the victim driving with four other motorcyclists before a deer ran onto the road from the ditch and struck his vehicle.

He was pronounced dead at the scene. His name hasn't been released until next of kin is notified.

Kinsmen Beach

Beach closed due to E. coli levels

Sackville's Kinsmen Beach has been closed until further notice due to high E. coli levels.

HRM says water samples taken Tuesday came back double over the amount allowed for the beach.

HRM says the beach will reopen once levels are back at the required levels. **METRO**



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N.S. civil servants reject request to move from Halifax

Relocation. Premier defends plan, says it's an opportunity for economic renewal

Nova Scotia's latest bid to spur economic development in the rural hinterland will move ahead even though 90 per cent of unionized civil servants who were asked to relocate mostly from Halifax to small towns have rejected the government's request.

Premier Darrell Dexter shrugged off criticism Thursday that the plan was poorly thought out and will degrade government services.

"This is a great opportunity for renewal," he said.



"There's a healthy market out there for employment with the provincial government. It's too early to say whether we'll have any difficulty filling those positions."

Three government departments were involved in the relocation plan, announced in the NDP government's throne speech in March

Dexter said the plan was implemented to ensure government services are offered in locations where they are needed.

"It makes more sense for the Department of Agriculture to be in the heartland of agriculture," he said.

But he also made it clear the goal was to create jobs in economically challenged

parts of the province. Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil said he supports decentralization, but argued Dexter mishandled the move.

"When you have 90 per cent of the civil servants saying they're not moving, it means we're going to grow the bureaucracy, plus lose some of the expertise that we've had in these departments," he said.

RIM hasn't asked for more cash: Province

Embattled smartphone maker Research in Motion hasn't asked the province for any more money as it contends with faltering sales and eroding stock value, Nova Scotia's economic development minister said Thursday

Percy Paris told reporters the province has already given RIM millions of dollars over the past four years, and he's hopeful the company will continue to have a presence in Nova Scotia.

"I'm very pleased to have RIM in the province of Nova Scotia," he said. "They've

Staff with the province's Economic and Rural Development and Tourism Department said Thursday that Nova Scotia has already handed \$5 million to RIM for training and new equipment.

been a good employer for hundreds of people in the province and I hope that they're going to be here for many years to come.'

RIM, which has an office in Bedford, said last week it would lay off about 5,000 employees globally as costs are slashed across the company.

It also shocked the market by delaying its Black-Berry 10 operating system, which was widely considered a last-ditch effort to save the company.

Chief executive Thorsten Heins said Tuesday he was confident the company would get past its challenges, insisting RIM isn't in a "death spiral."
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Study. Firm to look at moving airport for Michelin tire-plant expansion

A Halifax-based company has won a contract to study moving the Waterville airport to make way for the potential expansion of a Michelin tire plant.

The provincial government says CBCL Ltd., an engineering and environmental consulting firm, is expected to complete the study by Oct. 31.

The government says it's expected to cost about \$82,000.

Premier Darrell Dexter first announced the study in May, saying the province wanted to create the proper conditions for an expansion of the 30-year-old tire plant should it occur.

The study will explore the impacts, benefits and costs of relocating the airport as well as recommend a new, preferred site

Michelin employs about 3,500 people in Nova Scotia, including 1,200 at the Waterville plant.

The airport has 1,066-metre asphalt runway that mainly serves small air-Craft. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Hockey players hungry for goals

Goaltender Mark Fougere attempts to make a save as opposing player Wanda Grandy chases the ball during a road-hockey game on Argyle Street Thursday afternoon. The two teams were participating in Five Hole For Food, a Canadian road-hockey tour collecting donations for food banks across the country, including Feed Nova Scotia, Founder Richard Loat hopes to raise 100,000 pounds of food this year, KATE HOWELL/METRO





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Pecking order



Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (1937): You really can't get more romantic than the spell-breaking power of love's first kiss. Throw in Doc, Grumpy, Happy, Sleepy, Bashful, Sneezy, and Dopey, plus a Noah's Ark's worth of cuddly woodland creatures looking all weepyeyed before the prince's peck, and the anticipation is basesloaded heart-thumping. Then Snow White awakens from her poisoned-apple coma and the crowd goes crazy as the heroine and her hero ride off into the



Lady and the Tramp (1955):
After they each slurp down a strand from a shared plate of spaghetti, the restaurateur enhances the mood by serenading the star-crossed pooches with Bella Notte on his accordion.
While lost in the melody, they find themselves munching on opposite ends of a long noodle. The brief snout-on-snout action is cut short by Lady's shyness, but then Tramp nuzzles a meatball toward her and puppy love twinkles in both their eyes.

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Planet of the Apes (1968): "Doctor, I'd Like to kiss you goodbye," Taylor says. "All right ... but you're so damned ugly," replies Zira before allowing Charlton Heston to peck her on the lips. It's the last sweet interspecies moment in the sci-fi classic before the famous "damn you all to hell" denouement, when the astronaut sees the remnants of the Statue of Liberty while riding along the shoreline and comes to the stunning realization that he's not on an alien planet after all, but on a post-apocalyptic



Ghost (1990): The steamy potter's-wheel scene, with Patrick Swayze placing his hands over Demi Moore's clay-covered fingers and nibbling on her neck, while the Righteous Brothers' Unchained Melody plays in the background, jump-started a glaze craze that is still with us over 20 years later. The scene has been paid homage to and parodied ad nauseum, most recently in an episode of NBC's Community, where a pottery teacher adopts a zero-Ghosttolerance policy of both "ironic" and "sincere" re-enactments.



Spider-Man (2002): "You have a knack for saving my life. I think I have a superhero stalker," a rain-soaked Mary-Jane (Kirsten Dunst) teases before pulling away half of Spider-Man's (Tobey Maguire) mask to access his lips. The ensuing dangling, upside-down smooch inspired thousands of couples to try the move out on jungle gyms and other inversion apparatuses. Home-gamers recreating the tender Spidev moment, here's a tip: The horizontal version is a lot safer.



Twilight (2008): "Just stay very still ... don't move." Edward warns while leaning in. A breathy makeout session is always more exciting when there's a chance a vampire's hormones will go out of control and the affair will turn into a bloodletting. The chaste passion between Bella and her sensitive bloodsucker boyfriend (they wait four movies and until marriage before going all the way) stirred up an uproar in some circles with debates raging about whether they should condone or condemn the fictional relationship.

Nothing wrong with a little affection

Survey. Most Canadians unfazed by PDA

LIA GRAINGER

Are you a fan of the PDA? Friday is International Kissing Day, and a new survey from the matchmaking website Zoosk. com has found the vast majority of Canadians have no problems puckering up in public.

Of the more than 1,163

The history of the kiss

- Prehistoric times. Couples kiss to taste saliva and find a suitable mate.
- 1500 BC. Vedic Sanskrit texts from India reference "drinking moisture of the lips."
- 300 AD. The Kama Sutra contains an entire chapter

Canadians surveyed, a whopping 93 per cent confessed

on the art of kissing

- 0-500 AD. The Romans, a kiss-crazy people, spread the practice across their empire.
- 1872. Charles Darwin hypothesizes that kissing is an innate urge all humans share

they were fine with public displays of affection. Women are ever-so-slightly more modest than their male counterparts: 51 per cent of the ladies who responded said that public kissing in moderation is fine, while 61 per cent of the fellas said anything goes.

"The high numbers of people that are OK with PDA is indicative of our easygoing tolerance and acceptance — qualities that are consummately Canadian," says Toronto etiquette expert Karen Cleveland. She says that attitudes towards kissing in public have softened over the years, but is quick to

warn there is still such a thing as going too far.

"A good rule of thumb is to avoid doing anything you'd be embarrassed to do in front of your grandparents," says Cleveland. "That means no groping and no tongue."

Dating consultant Shannon Tebb says location matters. "If you're on a subway car or in a doctor's office — anywhere confined with other people — it's probably best to avoid big displays," says Tebb. "If you're on the street, it's more acceptable."

If you've decided to go for the public smooch, why not make your partner happy? According to Zoosk.com, most Canadian men prefer sensual kisses on the lips, while the majority of women like the socalled French kiss.

Those with female partners should be extra observant, as most women said being with a good kisser is important. But men were less concerned because their partners "may be better at other things." We'll let you ponder that one for yourselver.

We asked: What was your worst kiss?



"After a bag of nachocheese Doritos.

Full-on tongue. That was terrible."

Rachel Fine, 27, master's student/bartender



spin-thebottle in Grade 7. I had never French kissed.

"My first

He came at me tongue
out." Melanie Spence, 28, unemployed



school. It was one of those friends you just

"Truth-or-

dare in high

don't want to kiss.'
Natisha Cohen, 27, instructor



good." Shane Adamczak, 29, performer



I don't know why I was with him."

"In high

school with

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Natalie Bartlett, 27, registered nurse



"I've never had (a bad) one. Kisses are great."

Evan Thompson, 49, philosophy teacher



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Leaked emails reveal Italy's ties to Syria

WikiLeaks. Material is embarrassing to both Syria and the country's opponents: Assange

The first batch of 2.4 million emails from Syria being released by the whistleblowing WikiLeaks reveals alleged highlevel deals by an international arms and telecom supplier to equip the regime.

The 16-month uprising in Syria against the government of President Bashar Assad has killed at least 10,000 people, according to United Nations figures.

Finmeccanica "sold to Syria ... the Tetra system, a communications network that allows conversations and transmission of data," L'Espresso newspaper reported Thursday. Finmeccanica is 30 per cent owned by the Italian government.

Whistleblower

"It helps us not merely to criticize one group or another, but to understand their interests, actions and thoughts. It is only through understanding this conflict that we can hope to resolve it."

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange in a statement on the group's website.

The \$50 million system allowed interception-proof encrypted communications that could connect to any vehicle, including helicopters.

Part of the export, the report said, "must be authorized by the Italian government." The contract, it said, dates back to 2008 and reveals "the relationship with the Italian parent (company) for the Syrian program has been intense and

continuous."

Finmeccanica, a supplier to the U.S. defence department, also sold its technology to the Iranian Interior Ministry in 2007, the Spanish publication Publico.ex reported.

The Finmeccanica story is the first of many to come "over the months and years" from the email cache, WikiLeaks' Sarah Harrison told journalists at London's Frontline Club Thursday.

The WikiLeaks database

The WikiLeaks database comprises 2,434,899 emails from 680 domains, the site said. There are 678,752 different email addresses that have sent emails and 1,082,447 different recipients.

Seven news organizations that partnered with WikiLeaks began publishing stories based on data they analyzed, including L'Espresso, Publico and Al-Akhbar. The Finmeccanica story dominated their accounts.



Air France. Crash probe cites faulty equipment, pilot mistakes

A combination of faulty sensors and mistakes by inadequately trained pilots caused an Air France jet to plunge into the Atlantic Ocean in 2009, killing all 228 people aboard in the airline's deadliest crash ever, French investigators with the Bureau for Investigations and Applysic said Thursday.

Analysis said Thursday.

Airbus, the plane's manufacturer, said in a statement that it is working to improve speed sensors and making other efforts to avoid future accidents.

Air France insisted the pilots "acted in line with the information provided by the cockpit instruments and systems ... The reading of the various data did not enable them to apply the appropriate action."

The bureau's analysis lists

a combination of "human and technical factors" behind the crash. The plane flying from Rio de Janeiro to Paris slammed into the sea during a nighttime thundarstorm on Rine 1, 2009.

thunderstorm on June 1, 2009. Ice crystals that blocked the pitot tubes were the "unleashing event" that set off the plane's troubles, chief investigator Alain Bouillard said. The plane's autopilot shut off and the co-pilots had to fly manually, while a succession of alarms were going off. The captain was on a rest break.

In one fatal decision, the report says, one of the co-pilots nosed the Airbus A330 upward during a stall — instead of downward, as he should have — because of false data from sensors about the plane's position. The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Argentina

Junta dictator gets 50 years in prison

Former Argentine dictator Jorge Rafael Videla was convicted and sentenced to 50 years Thursday for executing a systematic plan to steal babies from prisoners who were kidnapped, tortured and killed during the military junta's war on leftist dissenters three decades are

senters three decades ago.
Videla and the rest of
the junta were determined
to remove any trace of
the armed leftist guerrilla
movement that they felt
threatened the country's
future THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fourth of July tragedy

Yacht operator blames wave

The man operating a yacht full of fireworks-watchers that capsized on American Independence Day, killing three children, said Thursday the vessel was slammed by a wave.

by a wave.
Sal Aurelino told the
News12 Long Island TV
station that he was taking
the Candi One home when
he saw two lightning bolts
before "a wave got us."
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Bloody Sunday

Northern Ireland police chief to open investigation

Northern Ireland's police commander announced Thursday that his force intends to open a criminal investigation into whether British soldiers committed murder during the Bloody Sunday massacre 40 years ago — but lacks the staff and funding necessary and can't say when it would

A 2010 probe determined that the soldiers targeted unarmed civilians.







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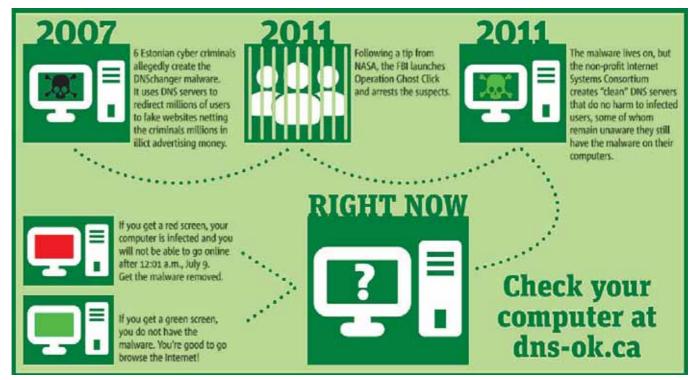
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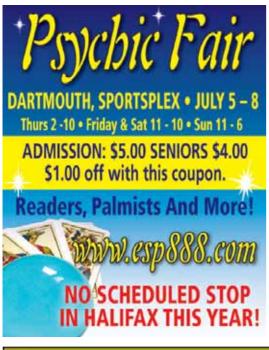
The warnings about the problem have been splashed across Facebook and Google. Internet service providers have sent notices, and the FBI set up a special website. But hundreds of thousands of people may still lose their Internet service Monday unless they do a quick check of their computers for malware that could have taken over their machines more than a year ago.

Despite repeated alerts, the number of computers that are likely infected is more than 277,000 worldwide, down from about 360,000 in April.

Users whose computers are still infected Monday will lose their ability to go online, and they will have to call their service providers for help deleting the malware.

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Scientists think small volcanic eruption can help cool climate

An international team led by University of Saskatchewan researchers says small volcanic eruptions could help cool the climate.

The team says aerosols — minute droplets of sulphuric acid — from small volcanic bursts can be shot into the high atmosphere by weather systems such as monsoons.

"If an aerosol is in the lower atmosphere, it's affected by the weather and it precipitates back down right away," lead researcher Adam Bourassa, who is with the university's Institute of Space and Atmospheric Studies, said in a news release Thursday.

"Once it reaches the stratosphere, it can persist for years, and with that kind of a sustained lifetime, it can really have a lasting effect."



The result, he said, is the scattering of incoming sunlight and the potential to cool the Earth's surface.

Bourassa said that until now it was thought that a massive eruption was needed to inject aerosols past the troposphere, the turbulent atmospheric layer closest to the Earth, into the stable layers of the stratosphere higher up.

Researchers noted that the massive eruption of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines in 1991 temporarily dropped temperatures by half a degree Celsius worldwide.

The team, including scientists from Rutgers University in New Jersey, the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Colorado and the University of Wyoming, looked at the June 2011 eruption of the Nabro volcano in Eritrea in northeast Africa.

The researchers found that wind carried the volcanic gas and the droplets of sulphuric acid into the path of the annual Asian summer monsoon.

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Natural gas: \$2.945 US (+4.6¢) **Dow Jones:** 12,896.67 (-47.15)

Airlines

WestJet reports growth in June

WestJet Airlines said its flights had fewer empty seats in June compared with a year ago as the airline also increased capacity.

Calgary-based WestJet reported Thursday a load factor — the proportion of seats filled on its flights — of 79 per cent for June, up from 75.7 per cent in June 2011 when Air Canada suffered a brief strike by its customer service agents. The increase came as passenger traffic climbed 6.7 per cent from the same time last year, while capacity increased 2.3 per cent. "Advanced bookings

"Advanced bookings for July and August remain strong," WestJet CEO Gregg Saretsky said in a statement.

Meanwhile, regional carrier Porter Airlines reported a load factor of 62 per cent for June, down from 64.6 per cent a year ago.

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Telecom

Cabinet upholds competition between phone companies

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's cabinet has upheld a CRTC ruling that allows big telephone companies to compete against smaller ones in rural areas.

Smaller phone companies from Ontario, Quebec and B.C. petitioned cabinet to overturn a May 2011 decision by Canada's telecom regulator to allow competition in some rural and remote parts of the country. Those areas had been protected from competition by regulations that allowed for only one service provider.

Those representing small independent telephone companies had argued the CRTC ruling meant the big companies would be free to offer telephone services to homes passed by their cable networks, while ignoring potential customers in remote areas. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tim Hortons. Coffee chain to introduce free Wi-Fi

Double-double addicts will soon have another reason to stop into one of the thousands of Tim Hortons outlets across the country.



The coffee-and-doughnut chain announced Thursday that it is working to roll out free wireless Internet to more than 2,000 locations. It expects 90 per cent of its "traditional" outlets across Canada will offer free Wi-Fi by September. The plan does not include its nontraditional outlets, including kiosks, gas stations and hospital locations.

The service is being provided through a partnership with Bell. Tim Hortons joins other chains like McDonald's, Second Cup and Starbucks that already offer free Wi-Fi access.

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Economy slowing sales

A shopper fills her cart at a Target store in Chicago on Thursday. Shoppers, worried about jobs and the overall economy, pulled back on spending in June, resulting in tepid sales for many retailers. Many merchants reported disappointing sales for last month.

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Appetite to hire down from 2011

Survey. 40 per cent of hiring managers planning to bring on new full-timers in second half of 2012

A new survey suggests fewer Canadian employers expect to add more permanent full-time jobs in the second half of 2012 than they did in last year's poll.

than they did in last year's poll.

The Harris Interactive survey found that 40 per cent of hiring managers said they were planning to hire new perma-

nent, full-time employees by the end of the year compared with 43 per cent in the second half of 2011.

The countrywide survey was conducted between May 14 and June 4 on behalf of website CareerBuilder Canada.
Results from among 292

Results from among 292 hiring managers and human resource professional contacted found that in addition to the 40 per cent who expected to add high full-time employees, 22 per cent planned to add part-time workers and 26 per cent contract or temporary employees, THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Tom Cruise at 50. It's been only seven years since the Scientologist jumped on Oprah's couch to profess his love for Katie Holmes. Now, with a pending divorce

(Katie apparently wants to protect her daughter Suri from being indoctrinated into Scientology), things are not looking up for Cruise, who turned 50 this week. Eyes Wide Shut.

Anderson Cooper. The CNN anchor came out of the closet this week. "The fact is, I'm gay, always have been, always will be, and I couldn't be any more happy, comfortable with myself, and proud," he wrote in an email published on his friend Andrew Sullivan's blog. Cooper decided he was doing more harm than good by not coming out. Kudos.

Spain. The football juggernaut staked its claim to being one of the best national sides in history by winning a record third straight major title, routing Italy 4-0 in the Euro 2012 final. What Italy did show is they have one of the more dynamic and stylin' young strikers in football — Mario (Super Mario) Balotelli.

Good Afternoon America. Good Morning America is spinning off into a nine-week summer-afternoon series called Good Afternoon America. It launches on Monday, and, if ratings go well and the show continues in the fall, could we see a Good Night America spinoff? Nah, that name is too ominous.

Steve Nash. Canada was having Steve Nash fever, with basketball fans across the country salivating at the prospect of the star signing with the Toronto Raptors. But it was all just a Hollywood dream with no happy ending, as Nash instead went to the L.A. Lakers, where he will play with Kobe. And win a title.

Carly Rae Jepsen. The pop sensation came to Peterborough, Ont., Wednesday, performing to one of the largest crowds in the history of the city's Little Lake Musicfest. She had the fans in the palms of her hands, finishing the night with them singing along to her summer hit Call Me Maybe. I was there with my daughters, and, shh, was singing right along

singing right along.

London calling. Jessica Zelinka announced herself as possibly being Canada's best female athlete by winning the 100-metre hurdles shortly after breaking her own Canadian record in the heptathlon. She tweeted about her next step: a berth in the Summer Olympics. "@JessicaZelinka: Crashing after riding the high all week. Thanks for sharing this crazy journey with me. London here we come!!"

Chris Brown. The bad rapper wannabe released a new verse on a remixed track, I Don't Like, ripping his adversary Drake for their nightclub brawl in June. Brown slams Drake for "throwin' bottles" while he himself is "throwin' models." This stupid boy fight over Rihanna has evolved into the dumbest hip-hop beef in music history.

Jose Bautista. The slugger earned his third straight all-star berth when Major League Baseball announced its starting lineups for next week's game in Kansas City. Bautista, who set a Blue Jays record with 14 homers in the month of June, is the silver lining on a Jays team that is going downhill fast with all their injured starting pitchers.

Doug Pitt. Brad Pitt's little brother Doug stars in a rather quirky commercial that went viral for Virgin Mobile Australia. In the ad, titled, "Meet Doug Pitt, the second most famous Pitt in his family," we're given a tour by Doug inside his middle-class home and lifestyle. No, Angelina Jolie's brother James Haven does not make a cameo.

Train. The band is on a big U.S. tour but is making two Canadian stops next week, one in Montreal (July 10) and the next night in Toronto. So if you're proposing to your girlfriend this summer, the perfect time to do it is with a flash mob at their concert when they're singing Marry Me.

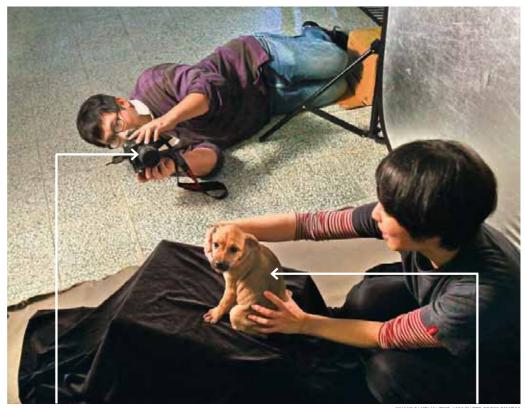
Detroit zombie theme park. A Detroit company, Z World Detroit LLC., wants to turn one of the city's abandoned neighbourhoods into a massive zombie theme park. Now there's sure to be a lot of political red tape, but it's definitely one of the more creative solutions

proposed to helping turn Detroit's economy around — and a radical rethinking of urban redevelopment.



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'Cheese' is this puppy's last word



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Canine portrait

Raising awareness of euthanized dogs

In this April photo, Taiwanese photographer Tou Chih-kang tries to make a portrait of a puppy in the final moments of its life before the animal was put down by lethal injection at a shelter in Taoyuan, northern Taiwan.

Chih-kang has been visiting dog shelters for two years now, making human-like portraits that give a sense of dignity and esteem to some 400 canines, in hopes of educating the public on the proper care of pets.

Activists say that some 70 per cent of dogs in Taiwanese shelters are killed after a 12-day waiting period.

The pictures are Tou Chih-kang's way of trying to encourage responsibility among Taiwanese dog owners, who abandon their pets when they tire of them. His photos will be ex-

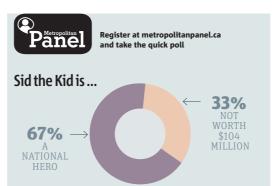
His photos will be exhibited in a full-scale show in southern Taiwan next month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.



Doomed shelter pups

80,000

This year Taiwanese authorities will kill an estimated 80,000 stray dogs at 38 pounds scattered throughout the island.





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Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Stone's Savages — flamboyant and fun



Standard drug flick.
Savages ticks each requisite off the list
— a California cutie, a threesome and
Benicio Del Toro as a

Mexican bad guy

Richard: Mark, I knew I was in for an over-the-top Oliver Stone movie from Savages' opening minutes. The "wargasm" reference was my first clue and by the time Benicio Del Toro literally twirled his moustache like a pantomime baddie, I knew this wasn't the same director who gave us W and World Trade Center, this is Stone in Natural Born Killers mode. It's wild, but I found it more flambovant than fun. You?

Mark: Well, Richard, let's see

... guns, drugs, threesomes; sounds like hanging out with Sam Kinison in the '80s. Actually, I think this is Stone's best picture since Reagan was President. He's working viscerally here and you can feel everything: the coastal languors of Laguna Beach, the scuzziness of Mexican border towns, Blake Lively's silken suntan. For a violent popcorn movie, I found it pretty sensual. Did you think the leads held their own with the scenery?

RC: It's definitely a good-looking movie from the stars to the scenery, but I thought the cast was really interesting as well as pretty. Johnson and Kitsch are good and evil, flip sides of the same coin, Lively isn't as sprightly as her name might suggest, but she does do damaged quite well. I also enjoyed Travolta, Hayek and Del Toro chewing the scen-

Synopsis

Aaron Johnson and Taylor Kitsch are Ben and Chon, entrepreneurs, drug dealers and two thirds of a love triangle with California cutie Ophelia (Blake Lively). They sell a potent strain of legal medical grade marijuana but also siphon off some for illicit practice and profit, which earns the attention of a Mexican Baja drug Cartel run by Elena (Salma Hayek). She'll do anything to create a "joint" venture, including kidnapping their shared paramour.

- Mark: ••••

ery but I felt it hard to care about any of them. They're all rather despicable, and I found myself hoping they'd all end up in a Mexican standoff.

MB: Well, it is a drug movie after all, so you know there will be double-crosses galore. I think you're supposed to care about the Blake Lively character, as the innocent of the bunch, but she's a bit vapid to really identify with. Del Toro makes, as usual, a great baddie, although Travolta stole the show for me with his corrupt DEA agent. But you'd think for a guy on the take, he'd have a much better haircut.

RC: Ha! It's a haircut almost as bad as the ending. No spoilers ... but it felt like a cheat.

MB: The ending wants to have its pot brownie and eat it too, but I appreciated the attempt to play with the narrative and our expectations. For me, it was flamboyant *and* fun.

SCENE

Scene in brief

Spy style

If there's one thing James Bond has taught us, it's that behind every great spy is a great tailor. A new exhibition at London's Barbican Centre explores the style of the suave secret agent, displaying costumes, props, set pieces and design drawings from half a century of 007 films. Assembled with help from the films' producers, the exhibition includes the spy's tuxedos, Bond girl ballgowns and villains' vestments, as well as a selection of props, gadgets and sketches of the films' exotic sets. It pays tribute to the British, European and American craftspeople and designers who have created the look of the quintessentially British icon. "Designing 007" opens Friday and runs to Sept. 5. It will then tour internationally, opening at the TIFF Bell Lightbox in Toronto in October. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Comedy



Safety Not Guaranteed

Director. Colin Treverrow

Stars. Aubrey Plaza, Mark Duplass

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Based very loosely on a real classified ad seeking fellow time travellers, Safety Not Guaranteed focuses on a group of magazine upstarts investigating the ad's eccentric author. Aubrey Plaza (TV's Parks and Recreation) and filmmaker/actor Mark Duplass (Cyrus) as the would-be explorer give the film a sweet, resonant likeability, but the alluring peculiar plot loses punch with an overly sentimental finale.

This summer can be summed up in two words: The Avengers

Box office. Fickle fair-weather audiences agree on the Marvel Comics mashup, which accounts for one-third of summer revenues

The audiences are proving far more unpredictable than the movies Hollywood has created to pack them into theatres this summer.

Studios have released a familiar assortment of action tales, family flicks and star-driven comedies since the summer-blockbuster season began in early May. Yet while overall business has been solid, fans have been choosier than usual, spending a fortune on one superhero sensation, kicking in for a handful of midline hits and generally bypassing everything else.

Movies featuring boxoffice heavyweights Johnny Depp (Dark Shadows), Tom Cruise (Rock of Ages) and Adam Sandler (That's My Boy) fell flat, as did the action spectacle Battleship.
Will Smith and Tommy

Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones pulled in fair crowds for Men in Black 3, though the action comedy played to a smaller audience than its predecessors. The animated tales Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted and Brave joined the action adventures Snow White & the Huntsman and Prometheus as \$100 million hits.

But nearing its midpoint, a summer that looked like an easy record-breaker at the start really can be summed up in two words: The Avengers.

With \$600 million domestically, the Marvel Comics superhero mashup accounts for a third of Hollywood's summer revenues, taking in more than the rest of the season's top-five movies combined.

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Instructions from the Grammy-winning guru

Music. Want to write a chart-topping country tune? Acclaimed Canadian songwriter tells how

If songs are like children to professional hit-makers, Canadian Gordie Sampson is one watch-

The 40-year-old from Big Pond, N.S., has penned two chart-topping smash singles for Carrie Underwood while also dashing off songs for the likes of Keith Urban, Miranda Lambert, Blake Shelton, Martina McBride and LeAnn Rimes.

The Grammy winner estimates that he demos about 75 songs a year, so surely it's difficult to keep tabs on all his musical offspring?

"God no, you're glued to the (chart)," the personable Sampson said down the line from the East Coast this week. "First thing you do in the morning before you have your coffee is check the chart and see if it went up a point overnight.

"Not that I'd know, but I guess it's a bit like watching your stocks. You've got an investment and one starts to take off, and it goes up a point one day, and down a point the next, and you're like: 'Oh shoot, is it done? Is it going to fall off the chart?' And the next day it jumps up five places.

"So it's just this manic de-pression that lasts 40 weeks or

Of course, Sampson points out that for a professional song-



writer, it's more lucrative for a song to take its time gradually climbing the chart to No. 1 -

"That's the dream," he says.

If that logic surprises you, welcome to the world of behind-the-scenes hit crafting. This month, Sampson is sharing his insights with hopeful songwriters at his third annual Songcamp in Cape Breton, N.S., culminating in two live per-formances from his pupils on July 12 in Ingonish.

But for those other fans whose Stetsons are stuffed to the brim with good song ideas, Sampson shares the following tips for penning a chart-topping country tune:

Words are worth the world

To hear Sampson tell it, no factor is more critical to a country

song's success than its lyrics.
"The lyric is more import-

ant in a country song than most other kinds of music," he said.

And what's the key to a country turn of phrase that gleams as brightly as a cowboy's belt buckle? Keep it simple, partner. Sampson said that it's important to make sure the words are general enough so that anyone listening can relate. So if a country crooner warbles a tune about a "her," Sampson says the lyric should work whether the listener thinks the pronoun refers to his wife, his mother or his dog.

Teamwork is important

Sampson says that most of the hopeful charges that come through his camp are already "amazing" songwriters. What they tend to struggle with is cowriting.

It's an important skill, particularly for professional song-

writers. Sampson guesses that he hasn't written a song alone in roughly a decade.

Repetition is unavoidable

Did you just realize your newly penned masterpiece sounds exactly like another tune shuffling up the country charts? Don't panic. It happens to, literally, the best of them.

"Country music is three chords and the truth," Sampson said. "You have to figure that there's, let's say, a thou-sand signed writers in Nashville all writing a song a day — that's 5,000 songs a week ... all trying to use the same three chords.

Know when to quit

Sampson says that in a Nash-ville songwriting session, it tends to take between three and four hours to finish writing

It can also take days. But sometimes the best ideas germinate and bloom quickly. Sampson and his team wrote Underwood's Grammy-winning, chart-topping smash Jesus, Take the Wheel in less than two hours. And knowing when it's time to stop tinkering can be a crucial skill.

'Sometimes, a song being written very quickly can be an indication of how great it is because the song and the lyric ends up being uninhibited — the lyric has a freedom to it,"

"Whereas if you sit down and pine over a lyric for three days, you tend to overwrite it in the same way (a painter) can put too many colours on a picture.... Songs can be sort of over-painted." THE CANADIAN PRESS











Miranda Kerr's labour of love a little tougher than expected

Victoria's Secret Angel Miranda Kerr, wife of Orlando Bloom, knew she wanted to have their baby without drugs; she gave birth to son Flynn Christopher back in January. "I had made a decision that I wanted to do it [naturally]," she says in

the August issue of Harper's Bazaar UK.

"It was a long, arduous and difficult labour," she continued, "but Orlando was with me the whole time supporting and guiding me through it. I could not have done it without him.'



Newlywed Matthew McConaughey adding to the family

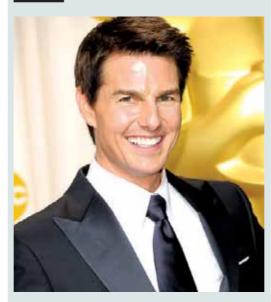
Matthew McConaughey and his wife Camila aren't just newlyweds, they're also expecting.

McConaughey's representative confirmed that his wife is pregnant with the couple's third child. Both the actor and his bride tweeted the news on Wednesday.

"Happy birthday America, more good news, Camila and I are expecting our 3rd child," the actor wrote, "God bless, just keep livin'.

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Was TomKat marriage running on Cruise control?

What started as a rather titillating celebrity divorce is now devolving into a sadly familiar one. Tom Cruise has "absolutely no contact with Katie," according to website TMZ, with Cruise talking only to daughter Suri, 6, on the phone, once

Things are "really bitter now," the source tells the site, with Katie "using Suri as a weapon." Meanwhile, photographers caught Holmes laughing at an ice cream parlor with Suri as bodyguards stood on watch.

"He has been Tom Cruise for 30 years," she told Elle magazine, in their just-released issue, which may have offered clues about the divorce to come.

"I know who I am and where I am and where I want to go, so I want to focus on that. I definitely feel much more comfortable in my own skin. I feel sexier," she continued. "I'm starting to come into my own. It's like a new phase."

With Cruise in the news, the paps are suddenly interested in Nicole Kidman, his ex, again.

They caught her having — gasp! — dinner with her husband, country singer Keith Urban, at a Florida restaurant, according to Us Magazine. The 45-year-old divorced Cruise in 2001, after an 11-year marriage.

Claire Danes expecting first child with husband Hugh Dancy

Claire Danes has some busy months ahead: Not only is her hit TV series Homeland returning for its second season in September, but she's pregnant as well. Danes' rep, Jodi Gottlieb, confirms the actress is expecting her first child with husband Hugh Dancy.

The 33-year-old Danes and 37-year-old Dancy met



2009 in France. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Cookbook

Pushing the vegetarian envelope

A new vegetarian cookbook by two Montreal chefs is pushing the envelope by offering readers dishes that are both classic and internationally inspired. Co-authored by Igor Brotto and Olivier Guiriec, The Vegetarian Kitchen Table Cookbook with Olivier Guiriec (Robert Rose, \$27.95, paperback) boasts 275 reci pes. Among them there are **Red Curry Tofu with Shiitake Mushrooms and Bamboo** Shoots, Sun-dried Tomato, **Brie and Arugula Wraps and** Fig and Almond Tart. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Fresh local strawberries star in shortcake, french toast,

Sweet strawberrychocolate endings off of the grill

Grilled Dessert Pizza. Since you'll be barbecuing this weekend anyway, why

not get creative?

For a backyard get-together, dessert has got to be easy and easy going

easy going.

And since you're probably making the rest of your meal on the grill anyway, why not use it to prep dessert, too?

This dessert pizza is incredibly quick and versatile. Top it with whatever sweet treats you like, or consider making individual ones and having a dessert pizza bar so people can select their own toppings. Be sure to let the pizza

Be sure to let the pizza dough rest at room temperature for about 30 minutes before trying to roll it out. Otherwise, it will be too stiff to work with and will resist stretching.

1. Heat a grill to mediumhigh.

Ingredient

- 1/4 cup turbinado or demerara sugar, divided
- 16-oz ball refrigerated pizza dough
- Canola or vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate bits
- 1 1/2 cups chopped fresh strawberries
- 3/4 cup flaked coconut
- 2. Scatter half of the sugar on a counter top. Place the pizza dough over the sugar and roll out into the sugar. Sprinkle the top of the dough with the remaining sugar, then roll again to press the sugar into the top. You should have a rough circle about 12 inches in diameter.
- **3.** Transfer the dough to a baking sheet, then head out to the grill.
- **4.** Use an oil-soaked paper towel held with tongs to oil the grill grates.
- 5. Transfer pizza dough dir-



ectly onto the grates. Cook for 3 minutes per side, or until cooked and lightly browned.

6. Return the crust to the baking sheet and immediately sprinkle the chocolate bits over the top. Wait 1 minute

to allow the chocolate to melt, then use a butter knife or silicone spatula to spread the melted chocolate evenly over the crust. Sprinkle with the chopped strawberries and the flaked coconut. Enjoy warm.

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Liquid Assets

Sip your way back to the origins of wine



LIQUID ASSETS
Peter Rockwell
@therealwineguy

Forget about the fashion, music and auto industries. None are driven by trends more aggressively than the booze business.

While some sub-segments virtually re-invent themselves every year, others simply go back to the future to find the next big thing.

The wine world spins like a top on this axis. Need proof? Though floundering for years, the juice from France and Italy is back on top again. As consumers sip their way back to the origins of wine making, some polarizing flavour profiles are reaching out and grabbing the palates of wine lovers with a grip that even Iron Man would envy. The hottest "what the

The hottest "what the heck" wine that has found fame is white moscato. Its romantic sounding name is actually the Italian translation of muscat — one of the oldest families of grapes in the world. International winemakers have borrowed the term with E & J Gallo's Barefoot Moscato (\$9.95 - \$11.99) a prime example of the style's balance of easy-drinking, plush, white fruit sweetness and low alcohol. Well chilled. moscato

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> Have a few gaps in your schedule you're looking to fill? Whether you're hoping to dance, drink or just relax, check out these hot upcoming events.



Just opened: Flipburger

After months of anticipa-tion, The Argyle Bar and Grill owner Chris Tzaneteas opened Flipburger (277 Lacewood Dr.). With hopes of eventu-ally expanding into his additional properties in downtown Halifax, Flipburger offers hormoneand steroid-free meat and locally sourced products wherever possible. Have a seat on the chairs made of recycled plastic bottles and choose a classic - including burgers, hotdogs, milkshakes onion rings — or pick it up in eco-friendly takeout containers.



Happening now: Spread The Metal

Halifax's Live 105 presents Spread the Metal Festival, with 100 per cent of net ticket revenue going to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Taking place at The Halifax Forum Civic Centre, and hosted by Spread the Metal Records, today is your last day to enjoy this all-ages event featuring metal bands like Morbid Angel and Cryptopsy. The festival, which will be streamed online, hopes to reach their fundraising goal of \$100K. Tickets and festival passes are available at ticketpro.ca or at the Halifax Forum Box Office.



On display: **ReVISION**

Multi-disciplinary artist Lisa Cochrane presents ReVISION, a group show of found objects by eight Nova Scotia visual artists and architects. Taking place in the Chase Gallery at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia, The ReVISION exhibition celebrates the art of recycling. Open now until July 30, this show features works by curator Lisa Cochrane and innovative three dimensional pieces.



Now open: Garden of Eat'n

Garden of Eat'n, now open at 6293 Quinpool Rd., boasts a unique collaboration of Acadian and Mediterranean. Sold in May to Ebby Gholami by 308 South owners Corey Clamp and Josette Bourque, the newly re-branded and expanded restaurant has not only extended its menu to include Persian cuisine, but has provided additional Middle Eastern flare with their Galyan Patio! Galyān, more commonly known as hookah, has been a centerpiece of Middle Eastern café culture for centuries and is now available at the Garden.



Happening now: Lebanese Festival

This weekend marks the 11th annual Lebanese Festival. Happening now through Sunday at the Olympic Community Centre, CIBC proudly presents a cultural festival that includes live music, artisan crafts, and, of course, food - including falafel, tabouli, hummus, shish taouk, grape leaves and the ever famous zaatar prepared traditionally on the Saj. And for something sweet, try Lebanese coffee, baklava, maamoul and namoura. Admission is free and all are welcome.





Happening now: RNSIT

Don't miss your last opportunity to take in this year's Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo. Ending Sunday at the Halifax Metro Centre following an eight-day run, this family-friendly show includes themes that recognize the RMS Titanic, The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the War of 1812. The Tattoo also offers something more modern such as innovative acrobatic acts, modern music, contemporary dancing, trampoline routines and cutting-edge videos.

Mushroom & Veggie Satay. Light snack

- 1. In mixing bowl, whisk lemon juice, honey, soy sauce, ginger and garlic. Stir in mushrooms until coated. Marinate at room temperature for 60 mins., stirring occasionally. Meanwhile, soak bamboo skewers in water for same time. Separate red onion wedges into individual layers.
- **2.** Remove mushrooms, reserving marinade in a small saucepan. Thread mushrooms, alternating with onion wedges and sugar peas onto wooden skewers. Grill on the barbecue for 3 minutes on each side.
- **3.** Meanwhile, cook noodles as directed on package and heat marinade until boiling



for 1-2 minutes or until thickened slightly to use as sauce. Serve skewers on cooked noodles and sprinkle with sesame seeds if using. Serve peanut sauce on side for dipping.

- 1/3 cup (75 ml) lemon juice
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) each liquid honey and soy sauce
- 1 ½ tbsp (22 ml) grated ginger
- 1 large clove garlic, minced
- 32 (1 lb/500 g) mushrooms
- 8 bamboo skewers
- · 1 red onion, cut into wedges • 24 (4 oz/125 g) snow peas







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Golf

Gingras leads at amateur

Moncton's Mathieu Gingras is atop the leaderboard through two rounds at the Nova Scotia Golf Association men's amateur championship in Baddeck. Gingras fired a secondround 71 on Thursday for a two-day total of 4-under 140. Jody Swim of River Hills is two strokes behind in second and Matt Gallup of Brightwood is four back in third. The field has been cut to 60 plus ties. The four-day event wraps up on Saturday. METRO

On the web



goal-line technology as FIFA's lawmaking panel approved two new systems for use. FIFA will introduce goal-line technology at the Club World Cup in Japan in December, and plans to use it in Brazil at the 2014 World Cup. Scan the code for the story.

Olympic talent to descend on Huskies Stadium

Track. Aileen Meagher International Track Classic boasts an exciting lineup



MATTHEW WUEST

It's not unusual to see upwards of 4,000 fans file into Huskies Stadium for a football game. But Halifax runner Geoff Harris yearns for a similar turnout for the Aileen Meagher International Track Classic.

The annual meet is the fifth of six stops on the National Track League circuit this summer — following visits to Victoria, B.C., Vancouver, Edmonton and Moncton — and action starts at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday.

"When we go to the West Coast and race those races, they sell the place out, and that's my dream one day." Harris said. "Whether I'm an athlete when it happens or not, I want to see SMU packed like it is for a football game, for a track meet."

Harris, an 800-metre standout, along with 200-metre women's star Jenna Martin of Bridgewater, has given fans plenty of motivation to drop by on Sunday. Both won national championships last week and both are headed to the Summer Olympics in London later this month. The Aileen Meagher is a perfect sendoff.

"It's a special occasion," said meet director Kevin Heisler. "This is the last opportunity (for Harris and Martin) to race before the Olympic Games, and this is an opportunity for people to come out and see them race and support them."

Heisler counts at least eight London Olympians in this year's Aileen Meagher field, all hoping to post good times in advance of the Games. Throw

Big name

Some of the Olympicbound stars competing in Sunday's Aileen Meagher International Track Classic at Huskies Stadium:

- Geoff Harris, Canada, Julius Mutekanga, Uganda (men's 800-metre)
- Justyn Warner, Canada, Derrick Atkins, Bahamas, Oluseyi Smith, Canada (men's 100-metre)
- Jenna Martin, Canada (women's 200-metre)
- Nikita Holder, Canada (women's 100-metre hurdles)
- Patricia Sylvester, Grenada (women's long iump)

in a handful of athletes from Carribean countries racing in their last chance to hit Olympic qualifying times, and competition should be higher than ever.

"These kids are here for a reason," Heisler said. "They're not here for our warm weather; they're here to qualify for the Olympics."

The 25-year-old Harris skipped the Hub City Track Classic in Moncton this week to be at his best for Sunday. He said he's hoping to set his fifth personal-best time of the season as he gears up the Games — and hopes a big crowd spurs him to it.

"We want people who have never seen a track meet before in Halifax to come and see it." Harris said. "When you get more people out, it helps the runners and makes it more fun for the crowd.

"It's very entertaining."



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Cycling

Greipel grabs a second Tour win

In yet another crash-marred finish, Andre Greipel of Germany led a frenzied bunch sprint to win the fifth stage of the Tour de France on Thursday for his second

straight stage victory. Fabian Cancellara retained the yellow jersey for a sixth straight day after the mostly flat 196.5-kilo-metre trek from Rouen to Saint-Quentin was almost tailor-made for sprinters except for a slight uphill near the end

The Tour's doping demons returned to cast a shadow. A Dutch newspaper report said former teammates of Lance Armstrong cut a deal with U.S. anti-doping officials for their testimony in a case against Armstrong. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Diving

Despatie says he's **OK for Olympics**

Alexandre Despatie doesn't remember hitting his head on the diving board during training, and says that may be a good thing going into the London Olympics.

The two-time Olympic silver medallist who suffered a concussion during practice June 12, confirmed his participation at the 2012 Games at a news conference Thursday.

His Olympic future looked in doubt when he banged his head before the Madrid Grand Prix. Despatie was admitted into hospital and required surgery to close a 10-centimetre wound near his hairline. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nash's decision to join Lakers all about location

NBA. Star Canadian point quard's thought process revolved around championship chances and his children

Steve Nash could have earned more money while enjoying the twilight of his remarkable NBA career in Manhattan, his off-season home. Or he could have returned to Canada, finishing up his playing days in Toronto with an eye toward national history and another career in the front office.

Instead, the two-time MVP point guard is going Hollywood.

Nash, from Victoria, is teaming up with Kobe Bryant and whatever seven-foot stars end up with the Los Angeles Lakers for at least a few more seasons of title contention on the best team within a short flight of Phoenix, where his three children live.

So what if the Lakers have been among his biggest rivals throughout his entire NBA career with Dallas and Phoenix. So what if he'll be in a backcourt with a ball-dominating superstar who has never shared possession with a point guard of Nash's abilities. So what if he can't wear No. 13, which is hanging in the Staples Center rafters with Wilt Chamber-lain's name forever attached

Children and championships trumped every-thing else in Nash's

mind when he agreed to a signand-trade deal that will put him in purple and gold next

idea "The to be close

my son, my daughters, who will be in Phoenix, was the No. 1 priority," Nash told ESPN's Los Angeles station Thursday. "Don't get me wrong, it's fantastic," he added. "I think

I'm a good fit for the team, and we have a great team, we're a contender, that's all incredible,

> spoke to Bryant Mon-day to see whether took a break from basketball camp in Santa Barbara to confirm he thinks

The 38-year-old says he



"The reality is, it was too great of an opportunity to pass up as far as my children were concerned. And fortunately for me. it's a great basketball situation."

Lakers point quard Steve Nash

would be a perfect fit in the Lakers, providing a dimension they never possessed even in Derek Fisher's best years — a playmaking talent Los Angeles hasn't seen since Magic Johnson was running the show.

Nash said Bryant thinks he can be "somebody to handle the ball and lead. He also felt that we were complementary leaders. I'm more on the positive side, he's more ... I think as he said it, cracks the whip. I think pick-and-roll, adding that to the offence and being able to space the floor for the big guys inside, I think it's a good fit. He was excited, and I think that was important for me.'

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NBA. 'Pit bull' point guard in play as Raptors Plan B



it appears the Toronto Raptors have a new point guard.

Multiple sources reported Thursday that the Raptors have acquired Kyle Lowry in a trade with the Houston Rockets. The Houston Chronicle reported that the Rockets will get a package built around a future firstround draft pick in return.

The reported move came a

day after Nash's agent said the Canadian star would be joining the Los Angeles Lakers as part of a sign-and-trade deal with Phoenix. The Raptors had reportedly offered Nash a threeyear deal worth \$36 million US.

A recent posting on Lowry's Twitter account indicated the guard is leaving the Rockets.

"I just want to thank the city of Houston and the fans one of y'all own, and I'll always keep that in my heart," he tweeted.

Lowry averaged 14.3 points and 6.6 assists per game for the Rockets last season. Over seven seasons with Memphis and Houston he had averaged 10.4 points, 4.8 assists and 3.5 rebounds per game.

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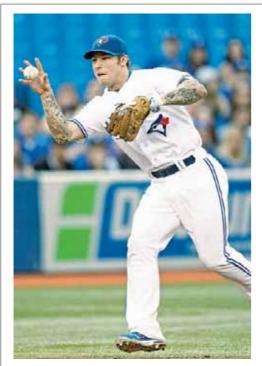
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Toronto third baseman Brett Lawrie bare hands the ball on his way to throwing out Kansas City Royals Jeff Francoeur Thursday in Toronto. The Royals held off the Blue Jays for a 9-6 victory on Thursday to earn a series split. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Serena powers into Wimbledon final

Tennis. Four-time Wimbledon champion hits record 24 aces

Serena Williams wins with so much more than serving, of course.

Her groundstrokes are intimidating. Her superb speed and anticipation fuel unparalleled court-covering defence. Her returns are outstanding,

When that serve is on-target, though, it sure is something special, quite possibly the greatest in the history of women's tennis. Lashing a tournament-record 24 aces at up to 120 mph, and doing plenty of other things well, too, four-time Wimbledon champion Williams over-powered No. 2-seeded Victoria Azarenka of Belarus 6-3, 7-6 (6) Thursday to reach her seventh final at the All England Club.

"Isn't that something?" said Williams' father, Richard, after



won Wimbledon in 1990. watching his daughter win on Centre Court. "She was really trying, you know? Maybe she

"The older I get, the better I serve, I feel," Williams said. "I don't know how it got better. I really don't know. It's not like I go home and I work on baskets and baskets of serves. Maybe it's a natural shot for

Her next opponent will be No. 3 Agnieszka Radwanska of

A couple of hours after reaching her seventh Wimbledon final, Serena Williams returned to Centre Court with sister Venus to secure a spot in the semifinals of the doubles tournament.

The Williams sisters routed Raquel Kops-Jones and Abigail Spears 6-1 6-1 in less than hour Thursday.

Poland, who reached her first Grand Slam final at age 23 by playing steady as can be during a 6-3, 6-4 victory over No. 8 Angelique Kerber of Germany.

Williams won 20 of her 24 service points in the first set, including 17 in a row during one stretch. She didn't doublefault once, a real accomplishment, given how often she went for corners and lines. She finished with a 45-14 edge in total winners.

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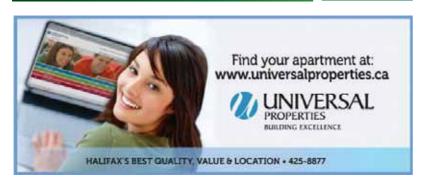
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Across

- 1 Garden tools
- 5 DNA sharer, maybe
- 8 Recipe meas.
- 12 Desire
- 13 Salary
- 14 Canal zone? 15 Despot
- 16 Hostel
- 17 Littlest of the litter
- 18 Alaskan bear
- 20 Investigates
- 22 Storm center
- 23 Exploitation
- 24 Hannibal's hurdles
- 27 With intent to kill
- 32 Bishop's bailiwick 33 Ike's WWII command

- 34 Shoe width
- 35 Bright headlight
- 38 Menial laborer
- 39 Fella 40 Sra., across the Pyrenees
- 42 Convertible couch
- 45 Clerical worker in the Navy
- 49 Competent 50 Lubricant
- 52 Horse play?
- 53 Oktoberfest necessity 54 Buck's mate
- 55 Idolize
- 56 Proofreader's note

57 Indivisible 58 List-ending abbr.

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Down

- 1 Tom's pal
- 2 Pasta that resembles rice
- 3 "Zounds!"
- 4 TV actor's hope
- 5 "Malcolm X" director 6 Writer Fleming
- 7 Harmonization
- 8 Saint of Avila
- 9 "Enter the Dragon" actor
- 10 Kitchen fixture
- 11 Letterman's "trick" performers
- 19 Ever, in verse
- 21 "What did you say?"
- 24 Blond shade
- 25 Floral accessory 26 "Fever" singer
- 28 Greek vowel 29 Motley Crue drum-
- mer
- 30 Zodiac sign
- 31 Longing
- 36 Politico Humphrey
- 37 "See ya" 38 Streisand classic
- 41 Yours truly
- 18 24 25 26 28 32 33 40 41 45 43 44 50 53 55 54 56

How to play

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- 42 Applies lightly 43 Lend a sly hand
- 44 Old fogy
- 46 Academic
- 47 Part of T.A.E. 48 Yuletide refrain 51 Saturn auto model

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How to play

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for an-

other. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. FYLBJ JVYPBOOALDAOGO TVDG RYLBDW OTAJADE GMADEO.

OMLBEW AG IV PREEVW R

GVRE IRDW? Yesterday's Cryptoquip: CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT ACTOR JACK JUST EMPLOYED A LIVE-IN HOUSEKEEPER TO BE HIS LEMMON AIDE? Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals F

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T Aries | March 21 - April 20. A family feud is in the cards today but

now that you know that, you can limit the chances of a serious falling

out by watching what you say. Taurus | April 21 - May 21. No

matter how irritating someone may be, you must not let them get under your skin. Be on the move as much nossible today

II Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

What happens today will only be important if you choose to let it be important. That applies especially to money matters and business egotiations.

Gancer | June 21 - July 22.

You will be both assertive and ambitious today, which could cause problems if others get the impression that you care for nothing but your own glory. Tone it down a bit.

Ω Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. You

have something to say. It's some-thing you think is important, but you have got to accept that, in saying it, ı may upset a few people

M Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

You may wonder why you have been singled out for so much good fortune, but in the greater scheme of things, nothing happens without a reason. Enjoy what you get today.

△ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

You have what it takes to compete at the highest level, so don't let fear of failure hold you back. Get out there into the world and show creativity.

M Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov.

21. If you are the kind of Scorpio who loves to travel, you could find yourself a long way from home over the next 24 hours. Don't worry about how you are going to get back.

⁷ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec.

21. You will have energy to spare over the next 24 hours, but it is your Sagittarian enthusiasm that will lead to success. Focus on what you are

od at and on what you enjoy. Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20.

You're under a lot of pressure and because the pressure comes mainly from partners and colleagues, you could fall out with someone today.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You can achieve some remarkable things over the next few days, so forget about the easy life and push rself harder than ever before.

H Pisces | Feb. 19 - March

20. You've had your fill of talk and you've had your fill of trying to plan things out in great detail — all you want to do is get busy on a project that you believe in. SALLY BROMPTON



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"I didn't get cast in Star Wars, but look for me in the next Zoolander."

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